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The Schley Verdict.

The Court of Inquiry which Admiral SCRLEY was forced into asking for has pastified his fears. In substance its opinion amounts to a verdict of "guilty

charged." The great Schley myth that has been fabricated by ingenious romancers is SCHLEY'S reputation as a naval officer. The Court's cold recital of what he should reveals his incompetency, his "vacillaion, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise."
lie is proved to have committed great errors of commission and omission. The Court's opinion of his candor and truthalness may be judged from its finding that his official reports about the coal upply and coaling facilities of the Tying Squadron " were inaccurate and isleading."

The curious opinion expressed by Admiral DEWEY seems to show that still yearns to plunge into the sea of colities. Another instance of the triimph of hope over experience.

The Porto Rico Labor Case.

The announcement from Porto Rico that eight labor agitators have been convicted in that insular territory of be crime of conspiracy to raise the price of labor will come as a surprise to those tho know how differently such compinations are generally regarded in the United States.

In the State of New York, the Penal Code expressly declares that " the orderly ad peaceable assembling or cooperation of persons employed in any calling. trade or handicraft, for the purpose of btaining an advance in the rate of rages or compensation, or of maintainng such rate, is not a conspiracy."

In order, however, to render this rovision of law available as a protecon, the combination must be confined its scope to the very purpose exressed in the statute. That purpose as been pronounced proper and praiseworthy by our Court of Appeals and is stated to fall within " that general view of human society which perceives an underlying law that men should unite to chieve that which each by himself cannot achieve, or can achieve less readily.

If, therefore, the Porto Rican labor eitator, SANTIAGO IGLESIAS, and his resociates have been convicted under the Spanish law which still prevails in the island, for acts which would not be punishable as criminal under our Consoiracy law here, the sooner the law of Porto Rico is changed so as to conform to ours, the better.

On the other hand, it should be borne in mind that our own law, in protecting workingmen in cooperating for the purdoes not sanction such combinations when they go further and are designed to coerce other and unwilling workingmen to join in the movement under penalty of being forced out of the employment in which they are engaged. If this element of coercion entered into the so-called conspiracy in Porto Rico, the combination would be deemed un-

The Vote of the East Side.

The great East Side of New York is was \$50,000, and the total of the East by tenants

There are thirty-six Assembly disc undiminished force. tricts wholly or partly in New York | As to the "two-dollar-a-day hotel" sounty, and of those seven are within asked for by so many of our corres increase as the use of electricity. The increase as the use of electricity. these seven districts, and gave a Tame that its erection will depend solely it will be cheaper than steam will be many majority at this year's election, on its desirability as an investment sparty multiplied and the one which and not was carried for capital. Of course, capital is not. The solution of this sital industrial Progress indias Africa. by Mr. Low by the alender lead of 22 put so abundantly into hotels and apart - problem is approaching. Much progress - money - inner Fotos. The total vote of the East Bide ment houses for propie with more money has recently been made in the conser-

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remains relatively small, as is shown by the official statement of the recent election canvass.

Transformation of Manhattan Island. The interesting discussion which has been going on among our correspondents concerning the deficiency of hotel accommodations in New York, outside of the high-priced houses, and the possibility of supplying it, was supplemented yesterday by the very reasonable demand of a woman for boarding houses suitably planned and constructed for their special uses.

In New York the last ten years have been distinguished by the erection of hotels on a scale of magnificence, so far as concerns both size and luxury of appointment, never before reached in the history of hotel construction, and this progress is still continuing. The inference is, therefore, that such houses have proved a good investment for the great amount of capital required for them. They have been put up, necessarily, in quarters of the town where the cost of land is extraordinarily nashed, and a fatal blow is given to high, since a situation both eligible by have done and what he neglected to do is essential to their profitable mainte-

reason of its convenience for visitors and peculiarly choice in its surroundings nance. So great has been the demand for such sites for hotels and for apartment houses of like pretensions that there has been a notable advance in the prices of plots of land sufficient and suitable for such establishments. Moreover, the standard of luxury in their appointments and provisions for the gratification of the public to which they appeal has been set so high that only by charging large prices to their patrons can they be made to pay their owners and the landlords.

Consequently, the cost of hotel ac commodations of the best kind supplied has increased largely of recent years, though the upward tendency had already appeared before this new hotel development began. The standard price of two dollars and a half a day for the best hotels, which prevailed a generation ago, had been raised to double or nearly double that rate. The so-called "American plan," or the provision of both room and board for a fixed daily rate, once almost universal, has given way extensively to the "European system " of making distinct charges for the two, meals being paid for according to a schedule of prices for different articles in the restaurant, or à la carte; and the charges for rooms differing also according to their size and relative luxury. The experience of the more magnificent of the hotels of more recent erection proves that the number of people ready to pay and even competing to pay for the most costly accommodations has increased vastly. New York has become a magnet which is attracting to it more and more of the wealth accumulated in every part of the Union and this continent, and the demand thus created is on a scale so great that it has stimulated the building of hotels and apartment houses, often little distinguishable from hotels except in their name, after a standard of increasing magnificence. Each new erection seeks to outdo the other; new and greater

structures in the variety, even the superfluity, of their luxurious facilities and appointments. These constructions are going up all the time, and ingenious architects are pose of procuring an increase of wages, constantly at work on plans for others which shall present new and inviting luxuries. No city in the world now approaches New York in the number and magnificence of these hostelries and apartment houses; and that capital is going into their erection in increasing quantity indicates that the field must have proved profitable for investments. It suggests, also, that the population of New York is growing rapidly and, more especially, the part of it which is able to bear the cost of the more expensive living. The individual resiin important civic division of the greater | dences of the older construction, on dty. In respect of the density of popu- Murray Hill and in its neighborhood, for ation and the maintenance of foreign example, are far too few for the accomspeech, customs and methods of trade modation of these people; and, more t is notable, but it is without much in- over, they are generally without the fuence in politics. The total vote of numberless conveniences provided in New York county at this year's election the new constructions and demanded

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of improvement are added. No private

residence built by the most princely

fortune can excel these recent hotel

side, the whole territory south of Four- Apartment houses of the latest fashion, teenth street and cast of the Bowery, consequently, are beginning to replace was only 45,000, or a little more than the old brownstone structures, and one vote in eight in the county. This inevitably their number will increase disparity between the smallness of the steadily, as affording a better means vote and the density of the population of getting returns on the value of the explained by the circumstance that land. It seemed ten years ago as if this section includes a much larger the rush to put up such structures was n population than does any other. being carried to an extreme which The voting population, therefore, is would go far beyond the actual demand

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say, would be in finding a site for the proposed hotel in a place eligible for it which might not be made to pay better as the situation for a higher-priced house. We must proceed on the assumption that hotel builders and hotel keepers understand their business and are the best judges of where their profit is most likely to lie.

The suggestion of the woman keeper of a boarding house that houses especially adapted to that use are needed is sound, undoubtedly. The houses so occupied now were all constructed as dwellings for single families and are not arranged for the comfortable accommodation of many boarders after the standard now demanded. It is questionable, however, if her wish will ever be gratified in New York. Land on Manhattan Island is very valuable, and to get a good revenue from it, when the structures already on it are replaced with new buildings, the new buildings are likely to be either for business purposes or apartment or "flat" houses. The sort of boarding house she asks for is really an apartment house of the hotel kind, but by an irresistible tendency the old-fashioned boarding house is being driven out by flats and apartments.

The whole subject is very interesting. The housing of the people of New York is undergoing a transformation which will increase in rapidity. Tenement houses, including apartment houses in the designation, to which really they belong, will accommodate a steadily increasing share of the population of this island, until the time comes when practically the only dwellings occupied by single families will be the residences of rich or very well-to-do people; and boarding houses of the old-fashioned sort will give way to apartment houses, in the management of which, however, the many clever women now keeping boarding houses will find an even better field for their skill and energy.

The Three-Cent Statesman Attacked.

all his admirers, and in particular the Buckeye Club, which has just nominated that "leader of leaders" for President in 1904, to grin at the malevolence of the following queer communication:

"TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: You say that Tom Johnson is an interesting fellow to watch and you may be sure that we, the people of Cleveland, are watchin this man traitor that is doing us far more harm than good this man that has started hand this man that promised us 8 cent fare and thereby captured the votes of the fools, which were I regret to say in the majority last Spring he is now trying to keep on the right side of the crimnal class, and their friends so that he can get their votes in 1904 but just walt there is agoing to be a great reaction long before that in fact very soon I think when the tax books are opened and the deluded tax payers find as I now know that their taxes are the friend of anybody but Johnson and just as unscrupulous a villan as ever went into Polatics) but never mind it will take far more than the toughs of Germania Hall to make that man a President or even a Mayor again. Oh yes we will watch him.

"CLEVELAND TAX PAYER. "CLEVELAND, Dec. 10." It is natural that the towering conspicuity and pervasive energy of Tom JOHNSON should make him a mark of of spelling in this letter show that it was penned by no Republican hand. At first we were inclined to regard it as the product of some practical joker, who had been pouring into himself. Blations in honor of the Three-Cert boom. But could any practical joker, however margish and howev punctuation and some irregularities in collusion with each other. of spelling in this letter show that it

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What the Yuba River Is Doing. When power for industrial purposes Belmost Merchant Marine and Fisheries for them, but it continues still with may be electrically transmitted long undiminished force.

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scores of miles from the water that supplies the power.

The percentage of power lost in transmission is not stated, but it is said that all these many wheels are being turned at a cost less than that of steam production on the Pacific coast. The energy derived from this remote source among the mountains now pulsates in sixteen counties of California.

Such facts as these are of the greatest interest. They foreshadow the utilization of our water power on a scale commensurate with its vastness. Who can tell how enormously the variety and volume of the service rendered by electricity will increase during the present century?

The Hon. PATRICE ANDREW COLLINS says that when he is Mayor of Boston he will not go to " balls or parties except those which he would attend if he were a private citizen," and he pleads that his " dancing days are over." The plea cannot be accepted. Gen. Collins is still young and agile enough to frisk, and it is one of the necessary incidents, duties and pleasures of the Mayor of Boston to go to as many parties as he can. Why, look at the Hon. JOSIAH QUINCY, with his aspect of long and solemn calm. Yet, when he was Mayor, no dance in South Boston, East Boston, Charlestown or Brighton was complete without his presence. Gen. Collins will have to dance. The Bostonians know their rights and knowing dare maintain.

The developments in the great asphalt job grow more interesting daily.

For a long time past one George Shell power, which has always the Company, but from the Barber Asphalt Company, but from the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, but from the Warren-Scharf Company and the Atlantic Alcatraz Company, enabling him to collect the moneys due these companies from the city and to represent them generally in financial dealings with the Comptroller's office. This has never attracted any especial attention, as all these companies are known to be in the asphalt combination. Of course they never appear as bidders against each other for department work. An asphalt company, however, which has always been considered as an independent corporation, is the Fruin-Bambrick Paving Company, however, which has always been considered as an independent corporation, is the Fruin-Bambrick Paving Company, is the first point of the first time the very dependent of the control of the server appear as bidders against each other for department work. An asphalt company, however, which has always been considered as an independent corporation, is the Fruin-Bambrick Paving control of the control of the control of the control of the company and the first point of the control of the control of the company and the control of the control of the control of the asphalt control of the control of the control of the asphalt control of the asphalt control of the control We invite the Hon. Tom Johnson and they never appear as bidders against each poration, is the Fruin-Bambrick Paving

Company. On Thursday bids were opened in the Comptroller's office for paving with asphalt that part of Fifty-ninth street, between Fifth avenue and Eighth avenue, which is to be widened by narrowing the Park sidewalk, and also for the repaving with asin to run every thing and every body with an iron | phalt Eighty-sixth street between Amsterdam avenue and the Riverside Drive. Many of the prominent asphalt companies competed for the work, among them, besides the Fruin-Bambrick Company, being the Sicilian Asphalt Paving Company and T. Hugh Bookman-who have no connection with the Asphalt Trust, and also the Barber Asphalt Company. which is the central organization of the nearly doubled and that by this man that pretends asphalt combination. Investigation now to be the friend of the poar (poar indeed he isn't | develops the fact that a few weeks ago Mr.

It is, of course, possible that the Fruin-Bambrick Company and the Asphalt Trust are still independent of each other, though they are both represented at the Comptroller's office by the same man. The plain probability is, however, that they are not pings. detraction, and that Envy should howl independent, and that their bids, while at him from her cave. But the absence ostensibly those of competitors, were made

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IN THE GALLERIES.

Exhibition at the Union League Club. The current exhibition at the Union League Club is of "a few figure pictures by deceased French painters." The artists included are Delacroix, Corot, Courbet, Manet, Bremond and Boucher and the pictures number seventeen.

good one as it gives a choiceness to these club exhibitions; differentiating them from the public displays and offering an agreeable opportunity of studying the pictures profitably and without exhaustion of interest, and certainly there is variety enough in the contrast between the fascinating insipidity of Boucher's "Venus au Bain," to which a spice of piquancy is added by the fact that the Pompadour is represented in the goddess, or the voluptuous Amour Vainqueur" of Jean Brémond and the realism, terrible in its significance, of Manet's "Christ and the Angels" and his "Ecce Homo." And it is not a bad thing to be reminded occasionally in this forcible way of the differences of motives that have stirred the efforts of painters. Here is Boucher, trying to perpetuate the vogue of Watteau, but lacking the latter's mental superiority that could extract the essential fragrance of the fashionable life and lacking, too, his inspired facility that could lift these subjects into poetry; Boucher in his smaller way falling back upon meaningless mythology and enticing sug- of a young student from the San Rafael High gestion. Yet how charming in color and School because, despite her resistance, he drawing the figures are especially as kissed Florence Blumenthal and carried her drawing the figures are, especially, as usual, the little hovering Loves, and, too, how conventional and poor the background!

in the East is a little memorandum of vivid color and movement, "Entry of an Arabian Chieftain;" and of his sacred subjects, a small "Crucifixion." The realistic motive that ensued is represented by a large picture of its leader. Courbet II is "The light highway before crossing a steam Railway. ure of its leader. Courbet. It is "The Squire's Daughters," in which three young ladies are talking to a child, the group standing on a upland pasture, which is bounded by a sort of semicircular wall or rock with grassy knolls above. It is not one of those accounts of Courbet which could be cited. examples of Courbet which could be cited y those who say that he is addicted to the ross and ugly, for the treatment of the figures is extremely agreeable and refined. The structure and stability of the landscape are rendered most convincingly in fresh, natural color, though, as usual, without much sense of atmosphere.

The two Manets have been mentioned.

In the way of realism he carried on what Courbet had begun, but with more regard for light and by the time that these exdevelops the fact that a few weeks ago Mr.

Sheldon filed with the Comptroller a full power of attorney for the Fruin-Bambrick Paving Company, so that he now represents that concern as well as the Asphalt Trust.

The inference from all this is very plain.

The inference from all this is very plain. preeminently a painter, as it has been said, the most painter-like of painters;" every problem that he attacked was a painter's problem that he attacked was a painter's one, to get beauty out of the way in which he painted—the flesh, the drapery, the contrast of pallid flesh with white wrappings, the beauty of flesh in clear light; the delicate harmonies of blacks and whites and faded rose. I overheard a member of the club remark that there was no religious feeling in these pictures; and it is true. The divinity of the Christ is not suggested, it was never in the painter's

the choice, as subject, of a semant's time thought of the friends are taken, and 4 find they remark of they remark do it, so I thought that providing pointed braid or of a themtic access, where the set of those they are to the set of the friend of them the first the point of the first point of the first point of the set of the first point point of the first point point of the first point point point of the first point Then wenters in the animeters knew darger in the foregreenest and not seemed in the foregreenest and the foregreen charlow, while the figures on the should cause are it tright light. There is stage of that, also, of testicities according to a production for the momentary gentless and expression, rample and kept closes. Hereign said their much note must be translated expression of testimately state are a finite and cause in the finite product of the finite stage and cause fields in these products the surpression of testimately state.

Neither does the charm of flesh escape him, especially the fresh tints and whole-some firmness of young flesh, nor the de-light in the hues and delicate textures of flowers. In his management of interiors, as one may see in the "Woman at the Mir-ror" (41), "Before the Mirror" (9) and "Cause-ic" (12), he is very heavy in marshalling rie" (13), he is very happy in marshalling an agreable ensemble and in giving to certain details a tactful sufficiency of accent. His pictures include, also, many charming morecaux of technique, among which may be instanced the dress of the woman in No. 10, before alluded to, and the backs The policy of keeping the number small is of the two ladies' heads, represented it warm shadowed light, in "At the Theatre

It is an exhibition out of which one may extract more than the usual amount of artistic gratification and not a little sug-gestion of deeper sentiment. The most gestion of deeper sentiment. The most interesting phase in modern French art is the attempt to catch and render the clusive qualities in the human form and landscape. It is a development of impressionism; and while some men are seeking to express the spirituality of things, others are more intent on the physical manifestations. Among these Zandomeneghi proves himself to be one of the best.

TWO INTERESTING DECISIONS.

Not Libellous, Per Se, to Say that a Girl Was Kissed Against Her .Will. From the San Francisco Chronicle. The demurrer to the complaint in the libel

wit of Florence Blumenthal against M. H. de

Young was sustained yesterday by Superior Judge John Hunt. The suit was brought on account of an article about the disciplining up some stairs. Judge Hunt said that the libel on the girl was supposed to be contained in the recital that she was carried up a stair-

lie highway before crossing a steam rail-road to look and listen is held by the Court of Appeals in the case of Apolonia Fejowski, as administratrix, against the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company not to apply when the situation was such that if the traveller looked and listened he would not have discovered the danger.
The plaintiff's intestate was killed while

The plaintiff's intestate was killed while crossing the tracks of the defendant at Edison avenue in the city of Schenectady. The accident happened at 6:30 in the evening of Oct. 17, 1895. The deceased was seated on the seat of a two-horse market wagon, driving. When about fifteen feet from the railroad tracks he stopped to allow a freight train to pass. The hight was cloudy and dark, with neither moon nor stars visible. There was no flagman at the crossing nor light near it. The freight train made a loud noise, and after it had reached a point about one hundred feet past the crossing, the deceased said 'Get up,' the team started, and as he was thus driving across the track he was struck by an engine followteam started, and as truck by an engine follow-ing a short distance behind the train and in-stantly killed. There was no evidence tend-ing to show that the decedent either looked or listened, and it did not appear whether he or listened, and it did not appear not. A was familiar with the crossing or not. A witness, whose eyesight and hearing were good, was walking on the sidewalk. He also stopped and waited for the freight train to stopped and waited for the freight rain to

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CRAWLING BACK TO PEKIN. An Eyewitness Tells How the Chinese Court Left Hstan.

From the North China Herald. HSIAN, Oct. 6 .- At dawn to-day trumpeters sounded the call to get ready. Immediately the gates of the city were opened and carts, carriers, and couriers began to move. By 7:30 the streets were crowded with spectators. Good order was maintained, and a clear roadway left and kept open by the cavalry that lined the streets on either The different uniforms-yellow, red, blue-the variegated banners that fluttered in the breeze, the glittering swords and tridents, had a fine scenic effect as the bright sun began to shine on the throng. By 7:45 the advance cavalry passed. Then came the eunuchs in carts, followed by yellow-jacketed officers with flowing plumes and prancing porces. Then the royal sedans, used last year, were carried past, each conused last year, were carried past, each containing some important trophy. Next came the royal mounted bodyguard, ordering the crowds to kneel, and instantly they flopped onto their knees. Soon the outriders, pullers, bearers of the first, yellow dragoned chair were in view. The Emperor was pulled by twenty and borne by sixteen men, dressed in decorated silk gowns. His chair was richly draped with embroidered satin and decorated with jade jewels. His Majesty sat bolt upright, with features that were as fixed as a itatue. He looked only straight ahead, as if unaware of the lines of his kneeling subjects, or more likely afraid he might not manifest the self-possession that is the essential mark of dignity and rank. He was looking well, and all assert much better than on his arrival last year.

His chair was followed by that of the "Old Buddha"—as the Dowager is familiarly called. She was dressed (or rather "drowned") in dragoned yellow satin. Her face is long and wan, with high cheekbones, big mouth and thick lips. Her eyes gleamed like fire. She was as awake and alert as the Emperor seemed inert and indifferent. Nothing escaped the sharpness of her vision. The beggars received tablets of silver and the curious glances of scorn. Every one remarked how careworn she looked, and that she was quite ten years older since last year. Her personal baggarge occupied the next few litters and relays of bearers.

In striking contrast with the weird countenance of the Dowager was the young face of the Empress. Her chair helted for a little, and as it was open there was time for a good view. She seemed rather embarrassed by the crowds and stole nervous, furtive glances on either side. She looks an innocent, ordinary official's daughter, but the paint, powder, and gew-gaw spoil a pretty face. She was followed by the chief concubines—women of muscle and evident will, but destitute of brains and character. After their baggage came the Heir Apparent, but he was invisible. Then the Royal Princes of the Blood, and finally the Ministe taining some important trophy. Next came the royal mounted bodyguard, ordering the

The Marriage Question.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: A gentleman, "E. J. M.," says in to-day's Stathat "Mr. Delpit and a lady were clandestinely married by a Protestant minister. Then he tells us that the marriage was declared invalid us that the marriage was declared livalid by the highest authorities of the Church. "Here was a marriage," he adds, "without impediments, yet it was held to be no marriage by the Church."

Why, my dear "E. J. M.," clandestinity is one of the impediments of marriage. "E. J. M." may say with Horace. "Non omnis moriur: multaque pars mei vitabit Libitinam." But he should not forget a well-known saying of the divine Mantuan, "Omnia non possumus omnes."

TRENTON, Dec. 12. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The question of what is a valid marriage within the Catholic Church was settled many years ago in the case of Lieut Donovan of the Irish Brigade, a case which occupied the ecclesiastical courts of Spain for a number of years. The final decision was—when put in plain speech understandable by laymenthat the parties to marriage marry them-

selves, the priest being merely a witness of the assumption of marital obligations. This is the story of the episode in the life of